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SUBJECT **Port Information: Whampoa**

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5. Merchant Vessels Present Merchant Vessels present in Whampoa were

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[redacted], one Soviet tanker and two Polish vessels. [redacted] at Lafsami and Second Bar they off-loaded into coasters of about two thousand tons, two of which were the [redacted] at Lafsami, and at Second Bar a coaster [redacted] the coasters were manned by about 45 "Army" men and armed with two 40 MM guns forward and one "AA" gun aft. [redacted] upon loading, the coasters departed for North China.

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6. Berth

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[redacted] there are three 500' warehouses one behind the other and parallel to the berth [redacted] Construction of these warehouses is [redacted] cement uprights, cement floors and roofs, with lower walls of stone and upper walls of brick. [redacted] reports two railway type, electric, cranes of five-ton capacity at berth. Off-loading at berth was to 150-170 long ton capacity sampans outboard and to [redacted] built carts on the dock. [redacted] reports pig iron, aluminum, pipe, "white metal," bronze and iron ore in open stowage in the berth area. Only ammonia phosphate was covered by tarpaulin.

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7. Naval Vessels

[redacted] could see one or two DD's, without torpedo tubes, at the Naval Station, [redacted] observed that small Coast Guard NTB's would patrol the harbor daily. [redacted] saw in the harbor "IM's" about 50-60 feet in length, with a speed of 15 to 16 knots.

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8. Stevedore Services Stevedore crews, composed mainly of men but with some women, worked 24 hours daily with six-hour shifts at Lafsami and eight-hour shifts at Whampoa. At Lafsami [redacted] workers had a floating canteen and dormitory [redacted] the workers did a very good job.

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9. Construction [redacted] the berth at [redacted] is being extended along the area at [redacted] in order to accommodate two more ships, and [redacted] the new berth will be completed within two years. [redacted] cement blocks for this project are being made [redacted] and upon completion are stored on Cambridge Bank, [redacted] until needed. 25X1
10. Naval Installations [redacted] reports signal tower at [redacted] which signalling with the naval station [redacted] observed no fortifications, but [redacted] a small shipyard at [redacted] 25X1
11. Miscellaneous Matters of Possible Interest
- a. [redacted] "everyone in Canton is starving." 25X1
- b. [redacted] the Seamans Club and Restaurant had plenty of good food, and a souvenir shop which is run by the ship chandler. 25X1
- c. [redacted] saw only two jet aircraft, although [redacted] there is an airfield in Canton. 25X1
- [redacted] 25X1
- e. [redacted] reports that at [redacted] there is a plant, identified as a steel mill [redacted] where [redacted] could see fires glowing at night. 25X1

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